

# HOUSE BILL No. 1751

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-18-2-22; IC 20-23-2-7; IC 20-26-5-4; IC 20-28-8-6.

**Synopsis:** Noncertificated superintendents. Provides that a superintendent of schools is not required to hold a teacher's or superintendent's license. Repeals the requirement that a county superintendent of schools have five years of successful teaching experience and hold a license.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 20-18-2-22, AS ADDED BY P.L.246-2005,  
2       SECTION 126, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3       [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 22. (a) "Teacher" means a  
4       professional person whose position in a school corporation requires  
5       certain educational preparation and licensing.

6       (b) For purposes of IC 20-28, the term includes the following:  
7       (1) A superintendent **who holds a license under IC 20-28-5.**  
8       (2) A supervisor.  
9       (3) A principal.  
10      (4) An attendance officer.  
11      (5) A teacher.  
12      (6) A librarian.

13      SECTION 2. IC 20-26-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2006,  
14      SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15      JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 4. In carrying out the school purposes of a school  
16      corporation, the governing body acting on the school corporation's  
17      behalf has the following specific powers:

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(1) In the name of the school corporation, to sue and be sued and to enter into contracts in matters permitted by applicable law.

(2) To take charge of, manage, and conduct the educational affairs of the school corporation and to establish, locate, and provide the necessary schools, school libraries, other libraries where permitted by law, other buildings, facilities, property, and equipment.

(3) To appropriate from the school corporation's general fund an amount, not to exceed the greater of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per budget year or one dollar (\$1) per pupil, not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), based on the school corporation's previous year's ADM, to promote the best interests of the school corporation through:

(A) the purchase of meals, decorations, memorabilia, or awards;

(B) provision for expenses incurred in interviewing job applicants; or

(C) developing relations with other governmental units.

(4) To:

(A) Acquire, construct, erect, maintain, hold, and contract for construction, erection, or maintenance of real estate, real estate improvements, or an interest in real estate or real estate improvements, as the governing body considers necessary for school purposes, including buildings, parts of buildings, additions to buildings, rooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, playgrounds, playing and athletic fields, facilities for physical training, buildings for administrative, office, warehouse, repair activities, or housing school owned buses, landscaping, walks, drives, parking areas, roadways, easements and facilities for power, sewer, water, roadway, access, storm and surface water, drinking water, gas, electricity, other utilities and similar purposes, by purchase, either outright for cash (or under conditional sales or purchase money contracts providing for a retention of a security interest by the seller until payment is made or by notes where the contract, security retention, or note is permitted by applicable law), by exchange, by gift, by devise, by eminent domain, by lease with or without option to purchase, or by lease under IC 20-47-2, IC 20-47-3, or IC 20-47-5.

(B) Repair, remodel, remove, or demolish, or to contract for the repair, remodeling, removal, or demolition of the real estate, real estate improvements, or interest in the real estate

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or real estate improvements, as the governing body considers necessary for school purposes.

(C) Provide for conservation measures through utility efficiency programs or under a guaranteed savings contract as described in IC 36-1-12.5.

(5) To acquire personal property or an interest in personal property as the governing body considers necessary for school purposes, including buses, motor vehicles, equipment, apparatus, appliances, books, furniture, and supplies, either by cash purchase or under conditional sales or purchase money contracts providing for a security interest by the seller until payment is made or by notes where the contract, security, retention, or note is permitted by applicable law, by gift, by devise, by loan, or by lease with or without option to purchase and to repair, remodel, remove, relocate, and demolish the personal property. All purchases and contracts specified under the powers authorized under subdivision (4) and this subdivision are subject solely to applicable law relating to purchases and contracting by municipal corporations in general and to the supervisory control of state agencies as provided in section 6 of this chapter.

(6) To sell or exchange real or personal property or interest in real or personal property that, in the opinion of the governing body, is not necessary for school purposes, in accordance with IC 20-26-7, to demolish or otherwise dispose of the property if, in the opinion of the governing body, the property is not necessary for school purposes and is worthless, and to pay the expenses for the demolition or disposition.

(7) To lease any school property for a rental that the governing body considers reasonable or to permit the free use of school property for:

(A) civic or public purposes; or

(B) the operation of a school age child care program for children who are at least five (5) years of age and less than fifteen (15) years of age that operates before or after the school day, or both, and during periods when school is not in session; if the property is not needed for school purposes. Under this subdivision, the governing body may enter into a long term lease with a nonprofit corporation, community service organization, or other governmental entity, if the corporation, organization, or other governmental entity will use the property to be leased for civic or public purposes or for a school age child care program. However, if payment for the property subject to a long term lease

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is made from money in the school corporation's debt service fund, all proceeds from the long term lease must be deposited in the school corporation's debt service fund so long as payment for the property has not been made. The governing body may, at the governing body's option, use the procedure specified in IC 36-1-11-10 in leasing property under this subdivision.

(8) To:

(A) Employ, contract for, and discharge superintendents (**who are not required to hold a license under IC 20-28-5**), supervisors, principals, teachers, librarians, athletic coaches (whether or not they are otherwise employed by the school corporation and whether or not they are licensed under IC 20-28-5), business managers, superintendents of buildings and grounds, janitors, engineers, architects, physicians, dentists, nurses, accountants, teacher aides performing noninstructional duties, educational and other professional consultants, data processing and computer service for school purposes, including the making of schedules, the keeping and analyzing of grades and other student data, the keeping and preparing of warrants, payroll, and similar data where approved by the state board of accounts as provided below, and other personnel or services as the governing body considers necessary for school purposes.

(B) Fix and pay the salaries and compensation of persons and services described in this subdivision.

(C) Classify persons or services described in this subdivision and to adopt schedules of salaries or compensation.

(D) Determine the number of the persons or the amount of the services employed or contracted for as provided in this subdivision.

(E) Determine the nature and extent of the duties of the persons described in this subdivision.

The compensation, terms of employment, and discharge of teachers are, however, subject to and governed by the laws relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and discharge of teachers. The compensation, terms of employment, and discharge of bus drivers are subject to and governed by laws relating to employment, contracting, compensation, and discharge of bus drivers. The forms and procedures relating to the use of computer and data processing equipment in handling the financial affairs of the school corporation must be submitted to the state board of accounts for approval so that the services are used by the

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1 school corporation when the governing body determines that it is  
2 in the best interest of the school corporation while at the same  
3 time providing reasonable accountability for the funds expended.

4 (9) Notwithstanding the appropriation limitation in subdivision  
5 (3), when the governing body by resolution considers a trip by an  
6 employee of the school corporation or by a member of the  
7 governing body to be in the interest of the school corporation,  
8 including attending meetings, conferences, or examining  
9 equipment, buildings, and installation in other areas, to permit the  
10 employee to be absent in connection with the trip without any loss  
11 in pay and to reimburse the employee or the member the  
12 employee's or member's reasonable lodging and meal expenses  
13 and necessary transportation expenses. To pay teaching personnel  
14 for time spent in sponsoring and working with school related trips  
15 or activities.

16 (10) To transport children to and from school, when in the  
17 opinion of the governing body the transportation is necessary,  
18 including considerations for the safety of the children and without  
19 regard to the distance the children live from the school. The  
20 transportation must be otherwise in accordance with applicable  
21 law.

22 (11) To provide a lunch program for a part or all of the students  
23 attending the schools of the school corporation, including the  
24 establishment of kitchens, kitchen facilities, kitchen equipment,  
25 lunch rooms, the hiring of the necessary personnel to operate the  
26 lunch program, and the purchase of material and supplies for the  
27 lunch program, charging students for the operational costs of the  
28 lunch program, fixing the price per meal or per food item. To  
29 operate the lunch program as an extracurricular activity, subject  
30 to the supervision of the governing body. To participate in a  
31 surplus commodity or lunch aid program.

32 (12) To purchase textbooks, to furnish textbooks without cost or  
33 to rent textbooks to students, to participate in a textbook aid  
34 program, all in accordance with applicable law.

35 (13) To accept students transferred from other school corporations  
36 and to transfer students to other school corporations in accordance  
37 with applicable law.

38 (14) To make budgets, to appropriate funds, and to disburse the  
39 money of the school corporation in accordance with applicable  
40 law. To borrow money against current tax collections and  
41 otherwise to borrow money, in accordance with IC 20-48-1.

42 (15) To purchase insurance or to establish and maintain a

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program of self-insurance relating to the liability of the school corporation or the school corporation's employees in connection with motor vehicles or property and for additional coverage to the extent permitted and in accordance with IC 34-13-3-20. To purchase additional insurance or to establish and maintain a program of self-insurance protecting the school corporation and members of the governing body, employees, contractors, or agents of the school corporation from liability, risk, accident, or loss related to school property, school contract, school or school related activity, including the purchase of insurance or the establishment and maintenance of a self-insurance program protecting persons described in this subdivision against false imprisonment, false arrest, libel, or slander for acts committed in the course of the persons' employment, protecting the school corporation for fire and extended coverage and other casualty risks to the extent of replacement cost, loss of use, and other insurable risks relating to property owned, leased, or held by the school corporation. To:

(A) participate in a state employee health plan under IC 5-10-8-6.6;

(B) purchase insurance; or

(C) establish and maintain a program of self-insurance; to benefit school corporation employees, including accident, sickness, health, or dental coverage, provided that a plan of self-insurance must include an aggregate stop-loss provision.

(16) To make all applications, to enter into all contracts, and to sign all documents necessary for the receipt of aid, money, or property from the state, the federal government, or from any other source.

(17) To defend a member of the governing body or any employee of the school corporation in any suit arising out of the performance of the member's or employee's duties for or employment with, the school corporation, if the governing body by resolution determined that the action was taken in good faith. To save any member or employee harmless from any liability, cost, or damage in connection with the performance, including the payment of legal fees, except where the liability, cost, or damage is predicated on or arises out of the bad faith of the member or employee, or is a claim or judgment based on the member's or employee's malfeasance in office or employment.

(18) To prepare, make, enforce, amend, or repeal rules, regulations, and procedures:

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(A) for the government and management of the schools, property, facilities, and activities of the school corporation, the school corporation's agents, employees, and pupils and for the operation of the governing body; and

(B) that may be designated by an appropriate title such as "policy handbook", "bylaws", or "rules and regulations".

(19) To ratify and approve any action taken by a member of the governing body, an officer of the governing body, or an employee of the school corporation after the action is taken, if the action could have been approved in advance, and in connection with the action to pay the expense or compensation permitted under IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-40-12, and IC 20-48-1 or any other law.

(20) To exercise any other power and make any expenditure in carrying out the governing body's general powers and purposes provided in this chapter or in carrying out the powers delineated in this section which is reasonable from a business or educational standpoint in carrying out school purposes of the school corporation, including the acquisition of property or the employment or contracting for services, even though the power or expenditure is not specifically set out in this chapter. The specific powers set out in this section do not limit the general grant of powers provided in this chapter except where a limitation is set out in IC 20-26-1 through IC 20-26-5, IC 20-26-7, IC 20-40-12, and IC 20-48-1 by specific language or by reference to other law.

SECTION 3. IC 20-28-8-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 6. A contract entered into by a governing body and its superintendent is subject to the following conditions:

(1) **If the superintendent holds a license under IC 20-28-5**, the basic contract must be in the form of the regular teacher's contract.

(2) The contract must be for a term of at least thirty-six (36) months.

(3) The contract may be altered or rescinded for a new one at any time by mutual consent of the governing body and the superintendent. The consent of both parties must be in writing and must be expressed in a manner consistent with this section and sections 7 through 8 of this chapter.

(4) **If the superintendent holds a license under IC 20-28-5**, the rights of a superintendent as a teacher under any other law are not affected by the contract.

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1           SECTION 4. IC 20-23-2-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
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